

calling the second software component to determine the temporal threshold;

automatically submitting the first query to the search engine if the length of the elapsed time is greater than the temporal threshold.

**90.** A machine-implemented method comprising:

receiving first search input within a search field of a web browser application;

determining, based on characteristics of the first search input, whether to automatically submit a first query to a search engine;

automatically submitting the first query to the search engine, the first query based on the received first search input; and

determining whether a first results web page returned by the search engine based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input.

**91.** The method of claim 90, further comprising:

if the first results web page returned based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input, automatically submitting a second query to the search engine, the second query based on the suggestion; and

displaying, within the web browser application, a second results web page returned from the second query submitted to the search engine.

**92.** The method of claim 91, wherein the first results web page is not displayed within the web browser application.

**93.** The method of claim 90, further comprising:

if the first results web page returned based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input, automatically displaying at least a portion of the suggestion within the search field.

**94.** An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving first search input within a search field of a web browser application;

means for determining, based on characteristics of the first search input, whether to automatically submit a first query to a search engine;

means for automatically submitting the first query to the search engine, the first query based on the received first search input; and

means for determining whether a first results web page returned by the search engine based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input.

**95.** The apparatus of claim 94, further comprising:

if the first results web page returned based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input, means for automatically submitting a second query to the search engine, the second query based on the suggestion; and

means for displaying, within the web browser application, a second results web page returned from the second query submitted to the search engine.

**96.** The apparatus of claim 95, wherein the first results web page is not displayed within the web browser application.

**97.** The apparatus of claim 94, further comprising:

if the first results web page returned based on the submitted first query includes a suggestion for an alternate spelling of a term within the first search input, means for automatically displaying at least a portion of the suggestion within the search field.

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